

REMARKS

This amendment supplements the Amendment which was filed with a Petition for Extension of Time on February 27, 2006. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested based on the supplemented Amendment. Claims 1-21 remain pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 10 are amended.

A personal interview was held on March 6, 2006 between Examiner Khoi Tran and Applicant's representative. A summary of the interview is provided below.

During the personal interview, formal matters were discussed, including the drawing correction submitted with the earlier Amendment; and the claims rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Examiner Tran was satisfied with the discussed corrections. However, Examiner Tran raised a new issue, particularly regarding the words "as needed" as recited in claim 1. Based upon the discussed issue, claim 1 is amended herein. Further, Applicant has found another occurrence of the words in claim 10, which claim is also amended herein. Withdrawal of the noted issue during the interview is respectfully requested.

During the personal interview, substantive issues were discussed, including the rejections over U.S. Patent 6,516,245 (Dirksing et al.); the rejection over the Dirksing et al. patent in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,718,268 (Muscara); the rejection over U.S. Patent 6,793,387 (Neas et al.); and the rejection over the Neas et al. patent, in view of U.S. Patent 5,938,080 (Haaser et al.). During the personal interview, Applicant's representative presented detailed arguments for Examiner Tran's consideration, which arguments are summarized in the February 27 Amendment as filed.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant's independent device claim 1 is allowable. The remaining claims depend from the independent claim and recite additional advantageous features which further distinguish over the documents relied upon by the Examiner. As such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

All objections and rejections raised in the Office Action having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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